

## August library events

# Reading program drew more than 2,000

By Harriet Halbig

As July came to a close, patrons enjoyed the annual summer reading party on the Village Green in Palmer Lake. More than 2,000 toddlers, big kids, and teens from the Tri-Lakes area participated in the program this year. The library staff thanks the many teen volunteers who worked all summer to make the program such a success.

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Aug. 2 from 1 to 2:30. This is a family occasion with free ice cream and live music. We thank the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library and the Palmer Lake Historical Society for their sponsorship.

## Monument Library events: children's programs

All special programs have been completed. The weekly storytime and crafts will return to Tuesdays at 10:30 and 11:15. Toddler Time will continue on Thursdays at 10:30 and 11:15.

Storytime en Espanol will be offered on the first

and third Wednesday of each month at 5:15. English and Spanish speaking listeners are welcome.

The Children's Literacy Center and AfterMath tutoring programs will resume the week after Labor Day. For information, please call the library at 488-2370.

Lego Club will meet on Aug. 16 from 10 to 11:30. All ages are welcome. Legos are provided; all you need to bring is your creativity and your camera! All pieces used remain the property of the library.

## Teen and Tween programs

Teens and Tweens ages 9-18 are invited to attend a Sharpie Tie-Dye T-shirt workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 3 to 4:30. Please register online or call 488-2370. A limited number of shirts will be provided, or bring your own.

## Adult programs

The Monumental Readers will discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman on Friday, Aug. 15 from 10 to noon. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

Looking ahead, learn to research your family's his-

tory on Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. The U.S. federal population census has enumerated the residents of each state beginning in 1790, with the 1940 census the most recent available for researching. Learn to use this resource with the guidance of library Special Collections staff. Space is limited. Please register online or call 488-2370.

On the walls of the library during August will be Senior Art over 50. In the display case will be pottery by Glen Hayes.

## Palmer Lake Library events

The Palmer Lake Book Group will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 8. New members are always welcome. Please call 481-2587 for the latest selection.

The Fibernistas knitting group will not meet during August.

All Pikes Peak Library facilities will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1 in observation of Labor Day.

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## Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the info number for that event.

### Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red

**Aug. 6:** Chicken Marsala over fettuccine, salad

**Aug. 13:** Brisket sandwich, potato salad

**Aug. 20:** Chicken Caesar salad, garlic bread

**Aug. 27:** Lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread

Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. at 146 Jefferson St., Monument (the School District 38 Administration Building, "Big Red"). \$3 voluntary donation. Entertainment follows lunch. For more information, call Judy, 487-9067. An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

### 31st Annual National Night Out, Aug. 5

National Night Out is an annual event promoting crime prevention and drug prevention in communities across the country. The event's recurring theme is: "Give neighborhood crime and drugs a going away party." Turn on your porch light and come outside to join your neighbors to make a show of solidarity and strength. Hold a block party, barbecue, neighborhood walk, or other activity to show your participation. The Sheriff's Office encourages all residents of unincorporated El Paso County to plan an event and let them know about it. Sheriff's Office employees will travel around the county Aug. 5 to attend the neighborhood celebrations. There will be prize drawings at the registered events. For more information or for tips on planning your event, visit: [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org) and click on the "National Night Out" button. For questions, contact Mikel Baker, crime prevention coordinator for the Sheriff's Office: [mikelbaker@elpasoco.com](mailto:mikelbaker@elpasoco.com); 520-7151.

### Volunteers needed for county's Citizen Outreach Group; apply by Aug. 8

The El Paso County Board of Commissioners is seeking one at-large representative to serve on the Citizen Outreach Group. The volunteer application is located at [www.elpasoco.com](http://www.elpasoco.com). Click on the "Volunteer Boards" link. For more information, call 520-6436 or visit [www.elpasoco.com](http://www.elpasoco.com).

### Register for Tri-Lakes Y Summer Sports Camps and fall sports

Advanced Soccer Camp, Aug. 4-8; Baseball Camp, Aug. 11-15. Fall sports: ag football, ages 6-12; soccer, ages 3-14; volleyball, grades 1-8. Practices begin the week of Aug. 25; games are Sept. 6-Oct. 11. 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. Financial assistance available. Register at [www.ppymca.org/locations/tri-lakes](http://www.ppymca.org/locations/tri-lakes) or call 481-8728. See the ad in this issue for a free day pass to the Y!

### Help restore Black Forest Regional Park

Black Forest Regional Park burned badly in the Black Forest Fire, then heavy rains that followed damaged trails and caused other severe erosion. This summer, crews will install log barriers to fight erosion and plant native plants to revegetate the 385-acre park. You can help! Workdays are Aug. 23, 24 and Sept. 13, 14. To register call the Rocky Mountain Field Institute at 471-7736 or contact Molly at [molly@rmfi.org](mailto:molly@rmfi.org). For other volunteer opportunities in our parks, trails, and open spaces go [www.openspacevolunteers.org](http://www.openspacevolunteers.org).

### CASA volunteers needed

Become a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). Stand with other volunteers who say, "I am for the child believing in his heart that no one cares." "I am there to champion without compromise for what's in his/her best interest." Learn more at <http://www.casappr.org/volunteer-colorado-springs/> or contact Kelly at 447-9898, ext. 1033 or [kellyp@casappr.org](mailto:kellyp@casappr.org).

### Monument Academy now enrolling

A free public school of choice for preschool through middle school, Monument Academy offers Core Knowledge curriculum with small class sizes. Tours are available. For more information call 481-1950 or visit [www.monumentacademy.net](http://www.monumentacademy.net).

### St. Peter Catholic School enrolling for preschool-eighth grade

The school offers full and half-day preschool, Core Knowledge Curriculum with small class sizes, Christ-centered education. NCA accredited, state licensed, financial aid available. Call or visit: 124 First St., Monument; 481-1855; [www.petertherock.org](http://www.petertherock.org).

### Host a foreign exchange student

Host families are still needed for the 2014-15 school year. Create life-changing friendships and see your world through new eyes. For more information, contact Sheryl Ellis, Monument, 321-536-9504; [Sheryl.Ellis@EFFoundation.org](mailto:Sheryl.Ellis@EFFoundation.org).

### CSU Extension offers Garden Coaching Program

Colorado State University Extension Master Gardeners will meet with you on at your home to coach you and your family in home food production. These one-hour customizable tutorials will provide you with the information you need to grow the garden you want. For more information or to schedule an appointment with a master gardener, call Julie at 520-7690.

### Help chart Colorado's transportation future

The Colorado Department of Transportation invites citizens to get involved in planning the future of the state's transportation system by visiting the website, [www.coloradotransportationmatters.com](http://www.coloradotransportationmatters.com).

### Free Senior Safety Handyman Services

Senior Safety Handyman Services is a unique program funded by the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging. It is designed to help seniors (age 60 and over) in northwest

El Paso County with safety-related handyman projects. Dedicated, paid contractors and volunteers install grab bars, wheelchair ramps, railings, steps, etc., to help seniors to continue to live independently in their own homes. For service, call 488-0076 and leave a message for Cindy Rush. For more information, visit [TriLakesmcts-sshs.org](http://TriLakesmcts-sshs.org).

### Get volunteer help for your nonprofit

Due to popular demand, the Lewis-Palmer School District is adding a list of volunteer opportunities to its Youth Activities Directory online. If your nonprofit has a need for volunteers for a one-time project or an ongoing effort and can use volunteers under age 18, obtain a directory listing form on the district website [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org) under the community tab. Nonprofits may list their volunteer needs in the directory free of charge. For information, contact Robin Adair, P.O. Box 40, Monument, CO 80132; call 785-4223 or email [radair@lewispalmer.org](mailto:radair@lewispalmer.org).

### Donala's Customer Assistance Program

The Donala Water and Sanitation District offers a Customer Assistance Program in conjunction with Tri-Lakes Cares to help Donala customers in financial hardship, unable to pay their water and sewer bills. Applications can be picked up at the Donala office at 15850 Holbein Dr. in Gleneagle or at Tri-Lakes Cares in Monument. For information call 488-3603.

### Tri-Lakes HAP Senior Center programs

The Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership Senior Citizens Center is next to the Lewis-Palmer High School Stadium (across from the YMCA) and is open 1-4 p.m., Tue.-Fri., and earlier for scheduled activities. The facility has a lounge, craft room, game room, and multipurpose room. Programs include pinochle, National Mah-jongg, line dancing, tea time, bingo, and more. Ping-pong, Wii video games, puzzles and board games, refreshments, a lending library, computers with Internet connections, and an information table are also available. For information about programs for seniors, visit [www.TriLakesSeniors.org](http://www.TriLakesSeniors.org).

### County prescription discount program could save you money

El Paso County's prescription discount program saved 10,000 residents \$250,000 in discounted medicines over 18 months at no additional taxpayer cost. People using the card saved an average of 23 percent. There are no eligibility requirements and no strings attached to receive the discounts. You can pick up a free Prescription Discount Card at most county government locations or you can download your own personalized prescription discount card on the county website (bottom of the front page) at [www.elpasoco.com/](http://www.elpasoco.com/). Any county resident without prescription coverage can use this program. Even if you have insurance for prescription medications, the discount card might save you money on prescription medications your existing plan does not cover. For information, visit [www.elpasoco.com/](http://www.elpasoco.com/) or call 520-6337 (MEDS).